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## COSTLY FIRE AT CONSOLIDATED MILL

### Goldfield is the Scene of Serious Conflagration Last Night

#### COAL DEALERS AT INDIANAPOLIS WERE GRAFTERS

By Associated Press.  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., April 8.—A woman stenographer, Mrs. Jeanette Stern, in the office of the Eclipse Coal company, is responsible for the discovery of a \$17,000 coal graft in which the Claypool and English hotels, two of the leading hostilities in the city, and the City hospital were the victims. As a result of the woman's detective work, six men, two of them her employers, and three others, engineers in the institutions that suffered, were arrested on charges of grand larceny. All made written confessions, according to which the Claypool hotel was robbed of \$8,000, the English hotel of \$3,000 and the City hospital of \$1,000. The robbery was simply by the short-weight scheme.

#### MANY MOTOR RECORDS SMASHED TO PIECES ON THE NEW MOTORDROME

By Associated Press.  
PLAYA DEL REY, Cal., April 8.—The establishing of many new speed records marked the opening of the Los Angeles motordrome this afternoon. Every world's record for a one mile track from one to two hundred miles was beaten, and five national speedway marks were lowered in trials and free for all contests. The racing was free from accidents until at the end of the hundred mile event, when a Dorsis car, driven by Frank Siefert, turned turtle, but this did not happen until after the car had run into the paddock. Siefert's arms had become numb from the strain

#### BOY RECEIVES SOLAR PLEXUS BLOW AND DIES

By Associated Press.  
PASSIAC, N. J., April 8.—Gilbert Trehou died here tonight from a solar plexus blow received last Tuesday night in a boys' prize fight. Frank Keizer, named in the warrant as the other principal, is said to have fled to Canada. Henry Knackstedt, superintendent of a Presbyterian Sunday school here, who is said to have acted as referee, was arrested yesterday and released on bail. Trehou and Keizer were both 19 years old, and pupils in the Passiac high school and of good families.

#### BASEBALL

##### Coast League

By Associated Press.  
At San Francisco—Oakland 6, San Francisco 2.  
At Sacramento—Los Angeles 2, Sacramento 0.  
At Los Angeles—Vernon 2, Portland 1.

##### State League

At Oakland—San Francisco 1, Oakland 0.  
At Fresno—San Jose 5, Fresno 1.

#### EX-SENATOR BARD NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE

OXNARD, Cal., April 8.—Ex-Senator Bard suffered relapse to night and is now very low. The members of his family are at his bedside and will remain there during the night. Practically all hope of recovery has been abandoned.

Nearly All the Woodwork in Big Plant is Consumed by the  
Flames—One Employee Badly Burned.

#### GRAND JURY AT PITTSBURG IS IN SPLENDID FORM

By Associated Press.  
PITTSBURG, Pa., April 8.—A true bill charging Max C. Leslie, the collector of delinquent taxes in Allegheny county with bribery, was returned by the grand jury today. The indictment of Leslie follows his recent acquittal on a charge of perjury in claiming an alibi in connection with a previous indictment on alleged bribery. He is now charged with receiving \$25,000 from the Columbia National bank of Pittsburgh on June 3, 1908. It is charged of the \$25,000 he paid over \$17,500 to William Brand to bribe councilmen.

#### Fire Starts in Refinery From Unknown Cause—Plant Will be Shut Down for Sixty Days for Repairs

Special to the Bonanza.  
GOLDFIELD, April 8.—The explosion of distillate in the refinery at the big Consolidated mill tonight resulted in damage that will necessitate the suspension of operations for the next sixty days. As to the cause of the explosion, there is a mystery. The only person in the refinery at that time was slightly burned about the face.

The explosion occurred at 11 o'clock, and at this time (2:30) the mill force, augmented by a number of volunteers, are still fighting the flames, which are now under control. The refinery is situated directly underneath the conveyor, which transfers the ore from the rock crusher to the bins above the stamps. In an instant the flames had shot through the conveyor, which is constructed of galvanized iron, with a board floor, into the ore bins. The wood work in both the conveyor and bins was completely destroyed, and in a few minutes the flames had communicated to the sampling department and the stamp batteries. Here the men confined their efforts to subdue the conflagration, but before meeting with success the entire sampling section had been destroyed along with four batteries of stamps. The work of fighting the fire was greatly retarded by the apparatus, the company having their own department. Owing to the different size of the water mains the Goldfield department did not respond, but the firemen were on

hand to aid in the work. A number of narrow escapes from injury were reported, but with the one accident, all escaped unharmed.

At this hour of the morning it is impossible to secure an estimate of the loss. The greatest damage will be in the cessation of operations as the mill has been crushing on an average of about \$1,000,000 worth of ore per month.

The huge plant is almost entirely constructed of steel, and the officials of the company felt but little apprehension from fire. As it happened all the woodwork, with the exception of that on the remaining batteries, was destroyed.

GOLDFIELD, April 9.—(3:30 p. m.)—In an official statement just issued, the actual damage is placed at \$200,000. Of this amount \$60,000 of the loss was incurred by the destruction of stores in the warehouse, which was also destroyed. A large amount of bullion in the refinery was scattered, but it is believed that this will be completely recovered, as guards have been placed around this section of the plant to prevent any looting.

It is unofficially stated that the company has already opened negotiations with the officials of the Tonopah Belmont company to lease the mill at Millers, and also to secure the milling plant of the Nevada Reduction works, situated in this city. Smelter shipments will be made, and as far as possible the entire force now employed in the Consolidated will be retained.

#### HOUSE FAVORS CONSTRUCTION OF TWO WARSHIPS

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, April 8.—By the decisive vote of 162 to 110, fourteen present not voting, the house late today authorized the construction of two battleships at a cost of \$6,000,000 each. Thirty-four democrats voted for and twenty-four republicans against the proposition. The action was taken just prior to the passage of the naval appropriation bill, carrying \$128,047,602, which amount is three millions less than was recommended by the navy department. In addition to the battleships the bill also provides for the construction of two fleet colliders and four submarines. As amended the battleships and colliders must be constructed by firms operating under the eight-hour law.

#### CONFESSES TO NUMEROUS CRIMES BEFORE HE DIES

By Associated Press.  
SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—Harry Hall, or Clyde C. Canfield, the burglar who was shot by Police-man Casey last night, confessed before dying today that he had committed many crimes, among others the robbing of Brigham's drug store and Young's cafe at Salt Lake City, holding up the cashier of the American Savings bank at Seattle, the robbery of a street car and a saloon in Los Angeles and a pawnshop and the bar of the St. James hotel in this city.

#### DEMONSTRATIONS COME TOO THICK FOR ROOSEVELT

By Associated Press.  
GENOA, April 8.—The sentimental pilgrimage of Colonel Roosevelt and his wife, in which it had been the intention of the couple to retrace by easy stages their honeymoon trip from Spezia to Genoa, ended abruptly here this afternoon, twenty-four hours ahead of the schedule. The change in plans was made in order to avoid the constantly increasing demonstrations that the colonel and his wife encountered along the road. Tomorrow the Roosevelts will continue the journey by train to Porto Maurizio, where they will visit Miss Carew, Mrs. Roosevelt's sister, who has a villa there, and Monday Gifford Pinchot will call on the ex-president.

#### STEAMER IS IN QUARANTINE WITH SMALL POX CASE

By Associated Press.  
HONOLULU, April 8.—The Pacific Mail steamship company's liner Manchuria arrived from the orient today with a case of smallpox aboard. The vessel was immediately placed in quarantine. The steamer was due to arrive in San Francisco on the fifteenth and will probably be delayed ten days.

John Lawton Butler, a prominent mining man of the Hot Creek district, arrived in Tonopah yesterday.

#### JEFFRIES WILL LIVE OUT OF DOORS WHILE TRAINING

By Associated Press.  
BEN LOMOND, April 8.—Climbing and wading through pools where trout abound, formed a greater part of Jeffries training today. The boxing did not begin today as was announced on account of the gymnasium still having some minor repairs. Jeffries intends to have the roof taken off the gymnasium so as to do all the boxing out of doors. He also intends to sleep out doors. Berger today telegraphed an offer to Joe Choynski to come to the coast and join the Jeffries camp as a sparring partner.

#### SAYS THE TEACHINGS OF SECRETARY WILSON ARE ABOMINABLY WRONG

By Associated Press.  
CHICAGO, April 8.—Characterizing the teachings of Secretary James Wilson as "damnable, abominable and disgraceful," Professor Cyril Hopkins of the University of Illinois, delivered a stinging criticism of the department of agriculture today in an address before the City club. Hopkins cited numerous quotations by Wilson which he charges as "abominably false."

Among the quotations were: That practically all the soil contains sufficient plant food to produce a good crop yield, which supply will be indefinitely maintained; that as far as the present outlook is concerned the nation possesses ample resources in soil for any conceivable increase in population for several centuries; that the soil is the one indestructible and immutable asset that the nation possesses and that

#### TOM F. WALSH MILLIONAIRE MINE OWNER DIES

By Associated Press.  
WASHINGTON, April 8.—Thomas F. Walsh, the millionaire mine owner, died at his home at 11:30 tonight. Death was due to a growth in his lungs, as a result of an injury received years ago when Walsh was a miner in the west. Although the "Silver mining King," as Walsh was known, had been sick three months, the end came suddenly and was peaceful. Walsh will be buried in the Rock Creek cemetery in this city by the side of his son, who lost his life in an automobile accident in New England several years ago. At his own request the services will be simple. They will be conducted by the Masonic order and will be held Sunday afternoon. Walsh was born in Ireland in 1851. He is survived by his wife and daughter, Mrs. Edward B. McLean.

It is the one resource that cannot be exhausted; that it cannot be used up and that it cannot wear out. After citing these quotations Professor Hopkins said: "Can you blame the farmers from continuing to wear out their land when these are the teachings promulgated from the highest authority in the United States and these false teachings are all the more damnable because the common soil of the type on the abandoned farms in Maryland, only a few miles from Washington, contain only 169 pounds of phosphorus in a plowed acre, while the richest black prairie land of Illinois, with a value of \$200 an acre, contains more than 2,000 pounds of phosphates in the same stratum." As a remedy to repair the wearing out of farms, Hopkins suggested pulverized phosphorus rock as found on the public domain.

#### ARGUMENTS IN CONTEMPT CASE HAVE STARTED

DAVIDSON VERSUS ROUND MOUNTAIN CASE UP FOR HEARING YESTERDAY.

In the case of John R. Davidson versus the Round Mountain Mining company, the plaintiff was cited for contempt of court over a week ago, this being an order of the court, and both factions appeared yesterday before Judge Averill. Davidson was cited in that he had violated an order, having interfered with a bulkhead placed in the defendant company's property. He was represented by McIntosh and Cook, while the Round Mountain Mining company's interest was looked after by Attorney R. G. Withers of Goldfield.

Attorney Cooke made a motion that the proceedings be non suited, or in other words, that the proceedings be quashed. He spent several hours in the opening argument. Counsel for the defense was talking when the court adjourned last evening and the hearing was continued until 10 o'clock this morning. It is expected that the proceedings will be concluded within a few hours after the arguments are resumed.

Jesse Lorraine of Hot Creek is in town.

#### GYMNASTS ARE IN FINE FETTER FOR EXHIBITION

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN ATHLETES WILL PRODUCE SOME DAZZLING ACTS.

Great, grand and glorious. A dazzling display of startling stunts, such as never before witnessed in this city. Acts that cannot be equalled in daring and are accomplished only after months of strenuous practice.

Such is the announcement for the Volunteer firemen's second annual gymnastic exhibition, that will take place at the Nevada theater on the evening of Friday, April 15. The use of the theater has been kindly donated through the generosity of Arthur J. Aylesworth.

The program calls for twelve separate acts, not counting the smaller ones, and there will be 50 athletes on the stage who will participate in the different stunts.

The affair is being handled under the supervision of Professor William Schaefer, physical instructor at the gymnasium.

Reserved seats are now on sale at the Tonopah drug store.

Ed Clifford, who has spent the last few days in this city on business, leaves this morning for his home at Ellendale.